



MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Briefing Memorandum for DCI use at IAC


REFERENCE : RDB Request for Soviet Scientific and Technical Capabilities and Intentions, dated 21 January 1952

1. On the 21st of January 1952, Dr. Whitman, Chairman, Research and Development Board, asked the Agency to prepare "with your assistance" a coordinated estimate of Soviet scientific and technical capabilities to be used in connection with their annual technical estimates.

2. At that time we had under consideration NIEs 60*, 64**, and 65***, with deadline dates for completion in advance of the date on which Dr. Whitman needed his report. Since most of the information required by the RDB would be developed in preparing these NIEs, we felt that the RDB request could be met without undue inconvenience by our several organizations.

3. Subsequently, the deadline for completion of NIE 65 has been postponed and it will now be necessary to adopt some interim solution to meet the RDB requirement. We have suggested the procedure outlined in IAC-D-51.

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* Civil Defense in the USSR
** Soviet Capabilities for General War, through Mid-1953
*** Soviet War Potential, Mid-1953-Mid-1957

29 May 52 - IAC deferred action until 5 June 52.